

PETERS IS DEAD

Former Populist Congressman
Second Kansas District

Succumbs to Attack of Pneu-
monia at Age of 69.

HE WAS BORN IN CLAY CO., MO.

Had Lived Many Years in
Wyandotte Co., Kan.

His Story of Nickname, "Jack
Rabbit Statesman."

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—Mason S. Peters, a wealthy manufacturer, formerly representative in congress from the Second Kansas district, died of pneumonia at his home here today. He was 69 years old. He had been ill a week.



Former Kansas Congressman Who Died Today.

In the days when the Populists were contributing their full share to the liveliness of politics in Kansas, Mr. Peters was a leader among them. In 1896, while living in Wyandotte county, Kansas, and conducting a live stock commission business, he became Populist candidate for congress. The Democrats endorsed him and he was elected as a fusion candidate. Shortly after his arrival in Washington he acquired the title of "The Jackrabbit Statesman," and thereafter was so designated by partisan and opponent. According to his own story he gained the title in the following manner: Sitting in congress his full beard became the wonder of the page boys. One day he heard two of the pages speculating as to his politics. One page finally said:

"I'll tell you how we can find out. Let's catch him in the aisle. You stand in front of him. I'll stand behind and give him a push. You watch and if you see a jackrabbit jump out of his whiskers, he's a Pop." Mr. Peters liked the story and told it so frequently that it gave him a nickname. Mr. Peters was a pioneer in the manufacture of a preventive of hog cholera. When he first entered the business he was the butt of some ridicule, but before his death he had built up a large business with branches in Chicago, Indianapolis and other cities. He is survived by six sons, all of whom are interested in their father's business. The sons are: Mason S., Jr., who arrived here yesterday, after traveling in a baggage car from Indianapolis, to save time in reaching his father's bedside; William C., Charles, Nathaniel A., Edward T., and Thomas B. Reed Peters. Mr. Peters was born in Clay county, Missouri, in 1844. He was graduated from William Jewell college at Liberty, Mo., and in 1875 was admitted to the bar. After practicing law for a period he entered the live stock commission business in Wyandotte county, Kansas.

W. C. PLUMB HERE.

He May Enter Democratic Race for
Senatorship.

A veteran of national presidential campaigns, an experienced newspaper man of the eastern cosmopolitan type, a friend of the former great men of the country, William C. Plumb, of Kansas City, may enter the senatorial race in Kansas.

William C. Plumb is a distant relative of the famous Senator Plumb. He is an old newspaper man of the New York, Pittsburgh and Cleveland regime. He was with Senator Plumb in the Greeley campaign and fought side by side with Ogie Reed in the Garfield tour of the United States. For the last ten years he has been in the independent oil business in Kansas City, Kan.

He is in Topeka today on business.

WILLIE KEELER—MAYBE

Name of Former Star Mentioned for
Brooklyn Feds.

New York, Feb. 14.—Willie Keeler's name was mentioned today wherever the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold \$37,970,450 in reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$2,097,550 from last week. The statement follows:

Actual condition	Increase.
Loans	\$2,033,531,000
Specie	\$38,549,000
Legal tenders	\$2,063,000
Net deposits	\$1,977,637,000
Circulation	\$4,215,000
Banks cash reserve in vault	\$418,368,000
Trust companies cash reserve in vault	\$1,244,000
Aggregate cash reserve	\$477,612,000
Excess lawful reserve	\$7,970,450
Trust companies reserve with clearing house members carrying 25 per cent cash reserve	\$9,822,000

Summary of state banks and trust companies in Greater New York not included in clearing house statement:

Loans	\$59,123,208
Specie	\$8,212,400
Legal tenders	\$1,162,300
Total deposits	\$50,021,900
Cash reserve	\$1,162,300

*Decrease.

BRIDWELL'S A FED.
REPORTS MORDECAI

Al Bridwell.

Mordecai Brown, manager of the St. Louis Federal league team, has confirmed the report that he has signed Al Bridwell, shortstop of the Chicago Cubs. He did not state what salary Bridwell will receive or the length of the contract. Bridwell is here shown in his fighting togs.

NEW "BIG" LEAGUE

Ban Johnson Says It Is Being
Considered by Clubs.

Be in Major Territory—Start
Play Next Year.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—A new eight-club league in major league territory is contemplated by organized baseball it was announced here today by B. B. Johnson, president American League. Johnson who returned today from the major league conference in New York said the project was set on foot by President Baker of the Philadelphia National and it is at present under serious consideration by the major league club owners. Suggested formation of a new big league from a combination of Federal League clubs and a few major league clubs, was pooh-poohed by Johnson, who said that the matter had been mentioned but never was discussed seriously.

"I won't say anything for publication about C. W. Murphy," declared Johnson. "I have not said anything about him for publication and I will not now in reply to any remarks that he may have made. What I had to say about Murphy I said to the club owners of the National League I may add that they agreed with me. Murphy was not there to hear it, I am sorry to say."

Johnson said it would not be possible to put the proposed new league in operation this season, but that plans were being formed so that it was entirely within the range of possibility that next season would see it launched in major league cities.

Joseph Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals and Charles Weeghman and W. H. Walker, owners of the club, returned to Chicago on the same train with Johnson. Tinker said the invasion of Brooklyn was progressing without a halt.

"We are going right ahead to build a stand there," he declared, "and will be ready to play ball. There has been no interruption of our preparations."

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Mrs. Sarah J. See died about 11 o'clock last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Simms at 515 North Kansas avenue. Mrs. See was near 80 years old and has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Simms in Topeka about 15 years. Before coming here she lived in Atchison a long time and was one of the early settlers there. She is well known in Topeka. The body will lie in state at the Simms home from 2 o'clock to 3:30 o'clock Sunday and will be taken to Atchison for interment Monday.

The funeral of W. A. Simmons, who died in Emporia Thursday, was held in Penwell's chapel at 11 o'clock this morning. Interment was in Mt. Auburn.

John Bux, aged 85, died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Max Apel, near Meriden. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the Catholic church at Meriden.

Mrs. Mary Costello, aged 69, died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Curry at 501 Jefferson street. She was the wife of James Costello, and is survived by Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Nora Blake of Chicago, Mrs. Mary Hannaman of Kansas City, Mo., Dan C. Costello of Bingham, Okla. The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Monday at the Church of the Assumption, interment in Mt. Calvary.

The funeral of James Spetter, who was killed in a Santa Fe wreck south of Amarillo, Tex., will be held in Penwell's chapel at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment in the Topeka cemetery. Mr. Spetter started his railroad career in Topeka and is well known among the railroad men.

LOOKING AHEAD

Increased Emigration From
Europe Is Anticipated

Following the Opening of the
Panama Canal.

A CENTRAL LABOR PALACE

To Cost \$250,000 Is Planned for
City of London.

Will Include Movie Show and a
Big Organ.

London, Feb. 14.—That the government at Washington is making preparations for increased emigration from Europe to the Pacific coast of the United States on the opening of the Panama canal, is indicated by a request to American consuls in Europe to furnish the department of labor with reports on the plans being made by the transportation agencies to handle the increased traffic. The consuls have also been called upon to supplement the work of special emigration commissioners who have visited Europe lately, with reports of the quantity and quality of the expected immigration.

European representatives of American railroads welcome this action on the part of the American government as indicating the beginning of a movement by Washington to encourage the high type of emigration which England and Germany are making every effort to divert to their own colonies. These governments offer every inducement to steamships and railroads to handle this traffic while the agents of American transportation concerns complain that the American government adopts a restrictive policy, which, while effectively shutting out many undesirable immigrants, also discourages the solid type of immigrant for whom there is still much room in the United States.

Alexander Jackson, who has represented a large American railroad system for many years in Europe, has suggested to the local American consuls that the United States prepare booklets setting forth the agricultural and business possibilities of the various states for free distribution in Europe. He believes that such booklets, which in addition to providing meeting places for the immigrants who are looking for farms or business openings rather than for ordinary jobs.

Club life for the working man is to be developed on a large scale in London. A central labor palace is to be erected at a cost of over \$250,000, which in addition to providing meeting halls for the trades unions, is to include a moving picture theater for the display of labor scenes. A large organ and orchestra will play music written around the pictures. Arrangements have been made with unions in France, Belgium and Germany for the display of labor scenes. A large orchestra will play during the day a smoking lounge and other comforts for the workers. The chief features will be stores where provisions of all kinds will be sold to members, and at times of strikes given away instead of strike pay.

The promoters believe that the undertaking will pay its own way. The scheme has the official support of the London trades council, which represents 120 unions, with a membership of 200,000. It is expected that many other unions, especially the smaller ones, now outside the jurisdiction of the council, will join.

According to a report issued by the board of trade, supplemented by data supplied by trades unions, organized workers have lost nearly \$90,000,000 in wages from stoppages due to trade disputes during the last ten years. To this has to be added a very large amount distributed in strike pay. Against this the net gain in wages resulting from disputes is reported as \$13,000,000. In the same period the working classes as a whole have secured advances in wages estimated at \$75,000,000. Of every hundred strikes or other disputes recorded in the years under review 50 per cent were won by the employers, 25 per cent by the workers and the other 25 per cent were compromised.

Lecturing before the War and Peace society of the Manchester university, Vice Chancellor Weiss declared that the necessities of business and trade ought to bring about a world's federation quicker than any ethical movement in favor of peace.

He asserted that co-operation was the order of the age and that since present industrialism was responsible for oppression and tyranny the growth of co-operative movements would lead to mutual protection. Co-operation, he said, was advancing over competition and all reasoning people ought to assist the movement. He believed that international agreements would soon be necessary to control hours of labor, labor of women and children and work injurious to health.

UNFAIR COMPETITION.

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Every red blooded man will agree that this is dirty competition, but by the service and quality demonstrated by our Lily White Gasoline, Ark-light Kerosene and Capitol Brand Lubricants speak for themselves and you will not be misled by such reports.

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Train
Service

Special Santa Fe Train to Lawrence, Ottawa and intermediate points after the concert Wednesday night.

Rock Island Train, to Hoyt, Holton and Whiting will be held two hours on Wednesday night, allowing patrons of concert to return home same night.

for admission before Justice Crane in the Queens county supreme court, at Long Island City. Justice Crane came to the question:

"What is a state senator?" "I don't know," was the reply. "Did you ever see one?" asked Justice Crane. "Oh, yes, I see them," said the applicant. "Where?" asked Judge Crane. After considerable thought the man replied: "They keep them in circuses. I see them there."

He was advised to devote further time to study.—New York Sun.

LOCAL MENTION.

If your eyes tire or you are troubled with headaches, visit Chas. Bennett, Doctor of Optics, 306 Kansas avenue.—Adv.

An address will be given on "The Coming National Struggle and Its Relation to Industry" Sunday night by Dr. F. L. Loveland at the evening meeting at the First Methodist church. The members of the W. C. T. U. and of all the labor organizations are given a special invitation to attend. The lecture is free.

All offices in the court house closed this afternoon to enable county officials to attend the funeral of George Wilmarth.

County Treasurer Matt Weightman announces that personal taxes will not be put in the hands of the sheriff for collection until February 27. The date has been postponed from February 15 because personal tax notices were not served as soon as expected on account of the December rush.

The members of the Child Conservation league will meet to organize their child study circle, Monday, Feb. 16, 3 p. m., at Westminster Presbyterian church.

The "Forty" Bryant murder case is set for hearing next week in the district court, and is expected to consume the entire week. Jamison & Jamison represent Bryant, who is charged with the murder of James Roach.

The motion for a new trial in the Allen-Gordon case was overruled this morning by Judge A. W. Dana. Judge S. H. Allen was awarded \$9,954.57 attorney's fees unpaid by Mrs. Jennie Gordon. Mrs. Gordon's attorney expects to appeal the case. An error in the computations of the jury reduced the amount awarded \$794.

John G. McNeill, for the past two years fuel inspector on the eastern southern Kansas division, has resigned his position and will take the run between Wellington and Newton Sunday as engineer. Mr. McNeill is well known among Santa Fe people.

Aside from the public welfare meeting that will be held at the First Methodist church Sunday afternoon and addressed by the Rev. Theodore Hanson, Mrs. Lillian Mitchner, and Mrs. Cora Wellhouse Bullard of Tonganoxie, a similar meeting will be held at the Highland Park school auditorium Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Hanson, superintendent of the Kansas Public Welfare league, will speak at the meeting. In the next two weeks welfare meetings will be held in several churches of the city.

Several thousand persons have already signed the petitions which were placed in Topeka stores asking the merchants of the city to close their respective places of business at 6 o'clock or at least 7 o'clock Saturday evenings. At one prominent grocery store eight hundred persons have signed the petition. The petitions were placed in the stores by the Topeka Local Union. The Topeka Industrial Council and the Retail Clerks' association are thoroughly in sympathy with this movement.

Sa. ty razor blades sharpened better than new, 25c doz. Dent Drug Co.—Adv.

Several business men will speak at the First Baptist church Sunday night. They are: Charles Crews, auctioneer; William Brooks, fruit dealer; F. W. Hovatter, railroad man; O. M. Showalter, office man, and Dr. Stephen Temple. These men will speak briefly from their own experience. The service will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. W. A. Sherman left today for Amarillo, Tex., where she will join her husband to make a permanent home. Mr. Sherman, employed by the fuel department of the Santa Fe, was recently transferred from Topeka.

Er al de mens what think dey was bo'n ter save de country was ter stand in line dey would reach clear from this day an' time ter war ole Adam was in de apple business.—Atlanta Constitution.

IN DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Dana Exclaims Against Practice
of Appealing City Cases.

Declaring bonds forfeited, imposing maximum sentences, and enlarging fines imposed in police court, Judge A. W. Dana of the district court this morning made strenuous objection to the large number of cases appealed from Judge Huron's court for no reason except to gain time. The maximum fine or an amount larger than that imposed by the police judge was given in every case. Appeals, the court declared, are made with absolute disregard of expense to the county.

In addition to the city sentences, Judge Dana pronounced words which will send two negroes to the penitentiary. Charles Winn, convicted of the wilful murder of Anna Austin, was sentenced to hard labor for life at Lansing. George Smith, the man with the long list of aliases, convicted of stealing a diamond ring from the man he called his friend, must work at the pen for five years.

"We have been at work a solid week carrying a panel of thirty men at an expense of \$100 per day to the county," declared Judge Dana, in connection with the city appeal cases. "The court finds appeals are brought here absolutely regardless of expense to the county. There has not been a grain of defense in many of these cases."

"If the police court had ruled in

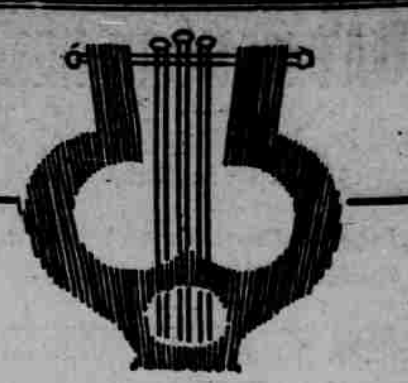


reason, this would not have happened," murmured A. J. Bolinger, against whom the court's tirade was directed. "If the court finds the police judge has passed an unreasonable sentence upon these people, we stand ready to reconcile it," said Judge Dana, briefly. "Call the next case."

Louis Wisdom's bondsmen have forfeited \$2,000 to the county. H. C. Lindsay forfeited \$500 today. Charged with assault and battery, Wisdom, who strolled away in the middle of his hearing, failed to appear this week.

Ed Travis, who left his horse unhitched, was fined \$10 by Judge Huron. He appealed his case, and his bondsmen, T. F. Lannan, is taxed \$50 of defense in many of these cases."

Travis appeared in court just five



THE PROGRAM

- 1—Prelude and Fugue in A minor BACH-LISZT
- 2—Sonata, Op. 27 No. 2 Adagio sostenuto-Allegretto—Presto agitato BEETHOVEN
- 3—(a) Des Abends (b) Aufschwung (c) Warum (d) Grillen SCHUMANN
- (e) Soiree de Vienne, No. 6 (f) Erl King SCHUBERT-LISZT
- 4—(a) Ballade in A flat (b) Nocturne in B major (c) Polonaise, Op. 53 CHOPIN
- 5—Isold's Liebestod WAGNER-LISZT
- 6—Hungarian Rhapsody LISZT

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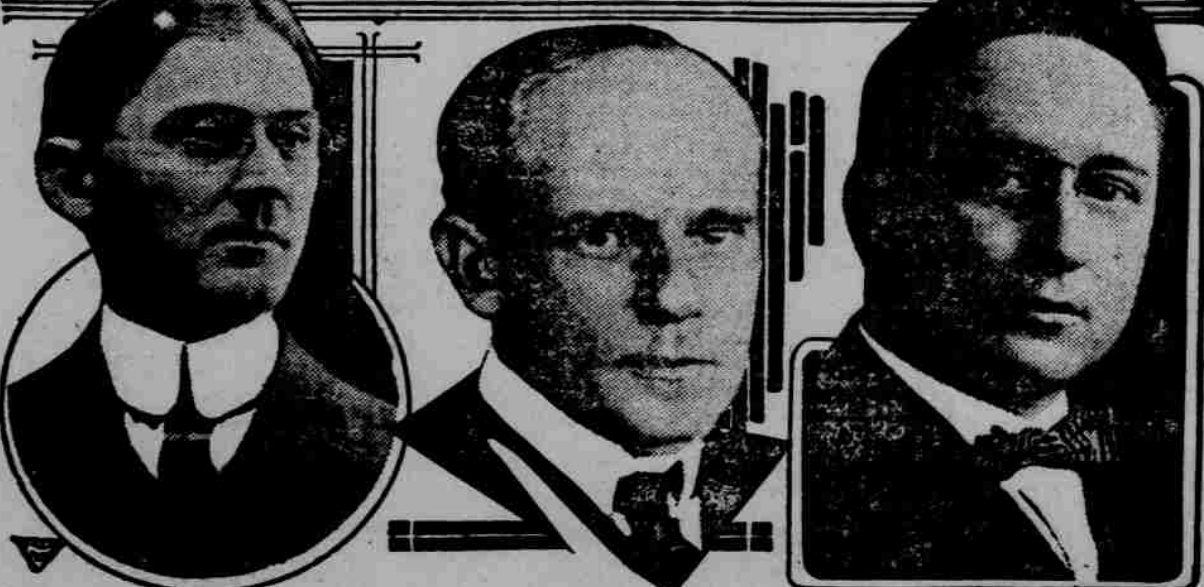
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minutes too late. "Johanna," said Judge Dana, indicating the well known figure of "Bee" Adams' wife, "is too handy at resisting officers." Fine of \$100 was imposed. Mrs. Adams was convicted of the same offense on a state charge. The fine of \$50, imposed by the police court upon Myrtle Chesney, was sustained. Antone Kohrs, found drunk, received the maximum sentence.

"Does the doctor think this operation which is suggested is feasible?" "My dear, to a doctor any operation is feasible,"—Baltimore American.

"Can you imagine anything worse than marrying for money?" "Oh, yes; having to work for it!"—Baltimore American.

IF CAESAR BUILT ROADS FOR PRESENT DAY CIVILIZATION,
UNCLE SAM IS FURNISHING A MODEL FOR THE MILLENNIUM

One Step in Construction on Sample Road; James T. Voshell, Logan Waller Page and Vernon M. Peirce.

How to save the people's road funds by building for permanence rather than by slighting the first cost, is the lesson of a pamphlet issued by Uncle Sam's good roads department. Using the magnificent new Chevy Chase road as a text, the bureau of public highways discourses upon brick as a material for country roads, declaring the brick section will last indefinitely. The bulletin commends the use of grout filler between the brick. It tells how to put down a permanent foundation, compacted two-inch sand cushion and the brick wearing surface. The proper application of grout filler is described. Some twenty photographs of the Chevy Chase road, showing method of construction and the road as completed, illustrate the booklet, which can be obtained by writing to Logan Waller Page, U. S. director of highways.